

M E M O R A N D U M

To: **BEND CITY COUNCIL**
From: **BEND TRAFFIC SAFETY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**
Subject: **OCTOBER 20, 2009 MEETING MINUTES**

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Bend Traffic Safety Advisory Committee
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Bend/LaPine School District
Oregon Department of Transportation
Citizen Members

Nick Arnis (Absent)
(Vacant)
(Vacant)
Doug Koellermeier (Absent)
Jim Porter (Designee)
Denice Blake
Joel McCarrol (Absent)
Robert Tyler
Winchell M. Craig
Katharine Miller
Thomas J. Stump
Harold Anderson

City Staff

Cindy Hartman
Chris Carney
Robin Lewis

Engineering Technician
Police Department
City Transportation Engineer

Guests

Mike Lovely
Sandra Turek
Rob Kirkpatrick
Tim Larocco
Deena McNeil
Casey Bergh
Kim Curley

Citizen, SWBNA
Citizen, OFDNA
Citizen, BTCA
Nels Anderson Rd.
Citizen, MVNA
Kittelsohn & Assoc
Commute Options

COMMUNICATIONS:

- 1) **Welcome & Introductions:** Captain, Jim Porter welcomed members and guests.
- 2) **Approval of Minutes:** Captain Porter noted that a quorum had been established, he called for a motion to approve the September Minutes. A motion was made and seconded and passed unanimously to accept the September minutes as written.
- 3) **Public Comments:**

Mike Lovely, Citizen - SEBNA

Mr. Lovely asked if the Police Traffic Speed Trailer could be put on Porcupine Street for speed awareness. Captain Porter asked Officer Chris Carney to explain the program. Officer Carney reported that the trailer has been placed out in the community on Tuesdays and Thursdays, it is a popular program but it is only for awareness and will not record the speeds during the time it is in the field.

Kim Curley, Commute Options

Ms. Curley reported that she attended the Century West Neighborhood Association meeting and spoke about Safe Routes to School. The parents and the school administrators of Miller Elementary are working to get some awareness of the pedestrian crossing of Skyliner Road at Skyline Ranch Road as they walk to school on a dirt trail across Tethrow from the communities of Braeburn and Sunrise Village. Robin Lewis has worked on this from the land use action stage with the school and also with Tethrow Crossing, she was unsuccessful in creating the crossing at that point. Since then she has continued to work on ways to fund the needed infrastructure since there is no sidewalk or curbing in that area. She has applied to ODOT for a speed order to bring the speed down from 55MPH to 40MPH. There is a bit more paper work to do, but when that order is approved, the signs can go up. Katherine Miller asked if there was any temporary solution at this site, Ms. Lewis replied there is no safe temporary solution, she also noted that it is other parents taking their children to school that are speeding through that zone.

Robert Tyler, Citizen Member

Mr. Tyler reported that Third Street at Reed Lane signal did not have a right turn lane arrow, Ms. Lewis noted that it is an old design and she could not change it due to the span wire configuration.

- 4) **Agenda Review**
New agenda items from the membership. No requests were made.

5) Membership Update

Harold Anderson, of the South East Bend Neighborhood Association was introduced as the newest member of TSAC, Mr. Anderson has been active in the group for some time as a liaison from his Neighborhood Association.

With the Vice-Chair position vacant, nominations for Vice Chair were called, Thomas Stump was nominated and voted into the office unanimously.

6) Mt Washington/Simpson Safety Enhancements – Robin Lewis

Ms. Lewis explained the crash history and the physical constraints of this intersection. She then handed out a packet outlining statistics and her engineering review. She closed with a detailed account of some short-term, low cost enhancements that could help improve the safety of the intersection while pursuing the longer term solution of installing a roundabout at the site. The enhancements include transverse pavement markings, thermo plastic tape and an over sized lighted stop sign.

Rob Kirkpatrick of the Broken Top community association, complemented Ms. Lewis and the City on the work they are doing to make the intersection safer and asked that the City continues to work toward a long term solution.

Ms. Lewis went on to update the committee on the construction progress on the Galveston ODOT Bike/Ped. project, which is nearing completion.

Agenda Items for the next TSAC Meeting – none given.

Adjourn 9:00 am

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 17, 8:00 am, City Hall Council Chambers